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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Frederick Kriemelmeyer, 58, of La Crosse, Wis., was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Barbara Crabb to 36 months in prison for filing false tax returns. This term of imprisonment will be followed by one year of supervised release. In addition, Kriemelmeyer was ordered to pay \$8,029.97 to the United States for the cost of his prosecution and \$135,337 to the Internal Revenue Service.

Kriemelmeyer was convicted of this charge on August 15, 2007 following a three-day jury trial. Following sentencing today, Judge Crabb ordered Kriemelmeyer into immediate custody.

Kriemelmeyer is a dentist who practices in La Crosse. In 1988, he decided that he was not subject to the income tax laws of the United States. Since that time he has engaged in various schemes to avoid paying his taxes.

The latest scheme, for which he was convicted, involved falsely reporting the amount of income he received from his dental patients on his tax returns. In the year 2000, the defendant reported gross receipts or sales in the amount of \$62,324.70. The

government's evidence showed his actual gross receipts to be \$108,676. In the year 2002, he reported gross receipts in the amount of \$63,171. The government's evidence showed the actual amount to be \$129,029. For 2003, the defendant reported his gross receipts to be \$55,422. The government proved the actual amount of his gross receipts was \$182,611. In 2004, the defendant reported gross receipts of \$56,216. The actual amount was \$197,670. He paid no income taxes on these amounts.

Kriemelmeyer's sentence was increased because he obstructed the investigation prior to being indicted and because he lied under oath during the trial.

In sentencing the defendant, Judge Crabb said the defendant was greedy and was only concerned with keeping as much money as he could. She called his legal arguments frivolous and ludicrous.

The charges against Kriemelmeyer were the result of an investigation conducted by the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation Division. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Elizabeth Altman.

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